AHS 7000 Handout:
Open Access Publications

Open Access/Predatory Publisher Resources

- DOAJ
- Journal/Publisher website
- SHERPA/RoMEO
- Ulrich’s

Predatory Journal Checklist:

1. Visit the journal's website.
   - Spelling/grammar errors
   - Excessive (and underutilized) social media
   - Poor web design/lots of ads

2. Reach out to journal's editorial board members.
   - Email members of the board, asking about their experience with the journal

3. Examine the journal’s aims and goals.

4. Check for a peer review policy.
   - Does it exist at all? Fast turnaround?

5. What author fees are being requested?
   - This information is likely unclear
   - Authors often notified of the fee after their manuscript is accepted for publication

6. Listed in directories?
   - Directory of Open Access Journals
   - Ulrich’s (periodical directory)